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SUBJECT: CONCERNED JEWISH YOUTH DEMONSTRATION AT USUN

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1:50 PM, APRIL 26, 1978, THIRTY MEMBERS OF "CONCERNED JEWISH YOUTH" BEGAN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF USUN TO PROTEST PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS SUPPORTING "PACKAGE" ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD, GROUP, AT NEW YORK POLICE URGING, MOVED DEMONSTRATION TO NORTH SIDE OF 45TH ST AND 1ST AVE (AREA DESIGNATED BY LOCAL COURT ORDER FOR USUN DEMONSTRATIONS).

2. THREE SPOKESMEN FROM GROUP ASKED TO SEE A HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE OF USUN. AMB LOWENSTEIN AGREED TO MEET THEM AND INVITED ENTIRE GROUP TO USUN AUDITORIUM. DURING MEETING MEMBERS VOICED OPINION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD RENEGED ON VARIOUS CAMPAIGN PROMISES CONCERNING ISRAEL AND HIS POSITION ON ARMS SALE PLACED STATE OF ISRAEL IN DANGER. AMB LOWENSTEIN ASSURED GROUP THAT NO ONE IN PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING ANY MEASURE THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE ISRAEL'S
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RIGHT TO EXIST. AMB LOWENSTEIN FURTHER STATED PROTEST DIALOGUE WAS DEMOCRATIC WAY, HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED ON TAKING ERRONEOUS POSITION SUCH AS "US IN FAVOR OF DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL" WHICH WILL DEFEAT GROUP'S TRUE OBJECTIVES. DEMONSTRATORS, SATISFIED WITH BEING ABLE TO PRESENT VIEWS, DEPARTED PEACEFULLY AND VOLUNTARILY AT 3:45 PM.

3. GROUP DISTRIBUTED LEAFLET TEXT OF WHICH IS IN PARA 4
BELOW AND CARRIED PLACARDS WHICH READ: "CARTER REMEMBER
YOUR PROMISE," "NO ARMS TO ARABS," "ISRAEL ONLY DEMOCRACY IN
MIDDLE EAST." DEMONSTRATORS ALSO CARRIED AMERICAN AND
ISRAELI FLAGS.

4. TEXT OF LEAFLET:

QUOTE

OUTRAGED JEWS DEMONSTRATE AT
US MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

OPPOSE PROPOSED PACKAGE SALE OF AIRCRAFT

MEMBERS OF CONCERNED JEWISH YOUTH (YOUNG HERUT), AND BETAR
ZIONIST YOUTH ARE PROTESTING PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSED
PACKAGE SALE OF ADVANCED AIRCRAFT, WHICH LINKS SALE OF
PLANES TO ISRAEL WITH AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

WAYNE PERLMUTTER, SPOKESMAN FOR CJY, STATED "ISRAEL WAS
PROMISED A QUANTITY GF F-15 AND F-16 ADVANCED AIRCRAFT AS
PART OF A 1975 AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRED ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW
FROM CERTAIN TERRITORIES IN THE SINAI PENINSULA. THIS
INCLUDED THE COSTLY RETURN OF THE ABU RODEIS OILFIELD. THE
CARTER PROPOSAL GOES AGAINST THIS AGREEMENT AND LINKS THE
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ISRAELI SALE TO EGYPT RECEIVING THE NORTHRUP F-5E FIGHTER
BOMBER AND SAUDI ARABIA GETTING A LARGE QUANTITY OF F-15S."

ACCORDING TO US MILITARY ANALYST DREW MIDDLETON, "ISRAEL'S
ABSOLUTE AIR SUPREMACY WOULD PROBABLY BE UNATTAINABLE DURING
A NEW WAR BECAUSE AIRCRAFT LIKE THE F-5E WOULD BE ABLE TO
GET THROUGH THE ISRAELI GROUND AND AIR DEFENSES AND CAUSE
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE." THE F-15S WHICH SAUDI ARABIA WOULD
RECEIVE IF CONGRESS APPROVES THE PACKAGE, WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY BRING SAUDI ARABIA INTO ANY NEW CONFLICT AS A
CONFRONTATION STATE.

PETER WEINSTEIN, LEADER OF BETAR, ADDED, "THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES MUST ADHERE TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH HE
MADE. ORGANIZED PROTEST WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE IF
CARTER CONTINUES HIS PLANNED SUPPORT OF THE PACKAGE. WE
HAVE GONE TO WASHINGTON TO LOBBY IN CONGRESS, AND SENTIMENT
THERE AND WITH THE GRASSROOTS AMERICAN PUBLIC OPPOSES THIS
DEAL. WE WILL STOP IT."

CONCERNED JEWISH YOUTH AND BETAR ARE BOTH DIVISIONS OF
HERUT-USA, A ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WITH OVER 92,000 MEMBERS.
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